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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the U.S. Patent Application of

Michael Panosian

Examiner: *R.C. Watson*

Serial No.: 10/706,491

Art Unit: *3723*

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For: Spring Clamp System

Mailstop Restriction / Election  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 28, 2005, the following is applicant's election.

The Examiner has indicated that the Species depicted in Figs. 1, 10, 18 are patentably distinct from each other. Applicant has been requested to elect a single Species for initial prosecution on the merits. The Examiner has indicated that currently claim 1 is generic to all of the Species.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction/Election Requirement, based on the fact that the only distinctions between the indicated Species are the relative sizes of the clamps, and the relative shapes of their jaws or clamping noses. However, these features are not determinative of the novelty and patentability of these devices.

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Nevertheless, applicant provisionally elects the Species illustrated in Fig. 1. In this connection, it is noted that all of claims 1-27, with the exception of claim 17, read on the elected species. Applicant reserves the right to file continuation and/or divisional applications on all material not covered by this election.

This application is now believed to be in condition for examination on the merits. Early examination is, accordingly, respectfully solicited.

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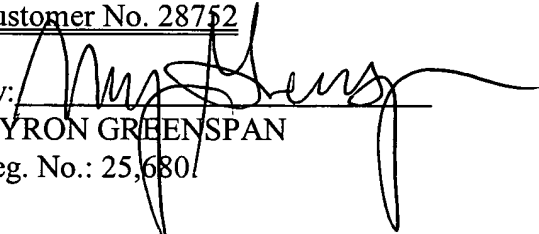
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